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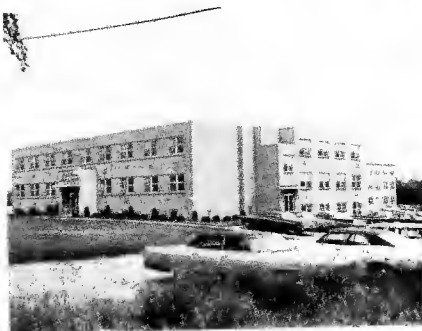
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From the Desk of the President



THE AMA ANNUAL BEATING

The American Medical Association last month held its annual meeting in Atlantic City. The proceedings were dutifully reported in the public press. Reading these stories makes us think of it not so much as the AMA *annual meeting*, but more as the AMA *annual beating*.

Despite the volumes of work done by the House of Delegates on resolutions concerning the health of this country, the big story played up by the press was the allegation that "less than half" of the nation's physicians maintain AMA membership.

Let's take a look at the record down here at the grass-roots level. In the Mahoning County Medical Society this year, there are 314 dues paying members. Of these, 262 are paid members of the American Medical Association. This figures out to be 83.4%—considerably more than the "less than half" so gleefully flaunted in the headlines.

The American Medical Association is a vast and complex organization, and not every physician will be entirely satisfied with everything that the AMA does—but protests should be made through letters and through our own county and state elected delegates. Weakening the AMA by withholding dues results in exactly that—a weak organization to represent medicine.

Is this what we want?

—John F. Stotler, M.D.
President



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Editorial

ON PIGEONS AND POTSHOTS

If you happen to enjoy browsing through bookstores, which is a very nice pastime, and you also happen to be a physician or a dentist, then approach any of the "Best Seller" tables and the feeling will come over you of what it must be like to be one of those pigeons or sitting ducks parading past the guy behind a gun at any local shooting gallery.

First off there's the startling exposes of the profession: "The Gerber Report" and "The Making of a Surgeon"; follow this with a ready-made handbook for anyone about to get his six month check-up called "Dentistry and Its Victims". Next is an abortive attempt at a novel, by a bonafide surgeon no less, called "Surgeons Don't Cry", and in between "Stillman's Diet" and a few other paps, is what really makes this browse worthwhile. The fact that Masters & Johnson are still proliferating print, adequately or inadequately (have they really changed anything??) but that their patients are now "telling it like it really was" in the laboratory—the best seller "Inside the Sex Clinic". But the real topper is the intimate personal story of an obstetrician and his patient called appropriately enough, "The Nine Months".

It's one thing for physicians to inform, to educate or even to entertain the public, but to seek the rife road of rank commercialism is quite another—perhaps Emerson says it best:

"Life is too short to waste,
In critic peek or cynic bark,
Quarrel or reprimand"!

—F. A. Pesa, M.D.
Editor



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Canfield Fairgrounds, showing the asphalt flooring of the old tent site where the new building will be placed.

It will be the medical-health *building* instead of the medical-health tent this year—the twentieth consecutive year of participation by the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Canfield Fair.

The building, to be erected on the same site occupied by the tent in the past, is the fulfillment of a dream doggedly pursued by Dr. H. P. McGregor, chairman of the Canfield Fair Committee for many years. Under Dr. McGregor, and other chairmen, the Committee repeatedly went to the Canfield Fair Board with plans and recommendations for a permanent structure to house medical and health exhibits. Persistence finally paid off following the 1970 Fair when the Board decided to erect a new building.

Construction is due to begin this month, and the building is expected to be ready for occupancy 30 days prior to the opening of the Fair, Wednesday, Sept. 1. The Fair will run six days this year instead of the usual five, in celebration of its 125th year. The Medical Society was an exhibitor also in 1946 when the Fair ran ten days in celebrating its 100th year.

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THE OATH OF SOVIET DOCTOR

MOSCOW NEWS

Dr. Frank Gelbman, recently returned from a trip to Russia with Mrs. Gelbman, brought back an article from the *Moscow News*, a special English edition printed for tourists. The entire article was titled "The Oath of Soviet Doctor." An excerpt follows:

"Here is the complete text of the "Soviet Physician's Oath of Allegiance."

"Receiving the high title of physician and entering the medical profession, I solemnly pledge:

"to devote all my knowledge and strength to the protection and improvement of human health, to cure and prevent diseases, to work conscientiously wherever necessary in the interests of society;

"to be always prepared to render medical assistance, to treat the patient with attention and care, and observe professional secrecy;

"to constantly improve my medical knowledge and doctoring skill, to further by my work the development of medical science and practice;

"to approach my professional colleagues for advice when the interests of the patient require it, and never to refuse my assistance and advice to them in return;

"to preserve and further the noble medical traditions of our country, to be guided in all my activities by the principles of communist morality and to always remember the high calling of a Soviet physician, and my responsibility to the people and the Soviet state.

"I pledge to be loyal to this oath of allegiance throughout my entire life."

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To this, Dr. Gelbman adds the following comments:

Other than the next to last paragraph, all physicians could accept this oath.

As Americans, we do not practice "American" medicine — "American" medicine does not exist.

As physicians, we are Republicans or Democrats or Independents; we are self employed, employed by industry, work for government agencies—fortunately (for patients and ourselves) by free choice. Our first obligations are to patients—not to political affiliation or source of income.

As citizens, we have many obligations—again, self-chosen.

In our country, we can keep our many obligations separate—as long as the government does not control the practice of medicine. In the USSR, this code clearly states that physicians are first subservient to political and governmental ideology.

I hope that all Americans will remain free.

FAMILY PRACTICE CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Fridays, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., St. Elizabeth Hospital

July 16 Diagnosis and Management of Convulsive Disorders
in Children — Kurt Wegner, M.D.

July 23 Drugs and Their Toxicity in Elderly Patients with
Renal Complications — Edward Kessler, M.D.

July 30 Allergies and The Family Doctor and Drugs — A. T. Deramo, M.D.

Aug. 6 Depression States and Their Management — R. S. Boniface, M.D.,
M. A. Kachmer, M.D.

Aug. 13 Obesity and Its Management (panel) — R. S. Boniface, M.D.,
W. J. Cleary, M.D., B. I. Firestone, M.D.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS INSTALL OFFICERS



The Medical Assistants Society of Mahoning County installed new officers at a dinner-meeting held at Fonderlac Country Club, June 10.

Taking office as president for 1971-72 is June Kyle. Her officers are Charlotte Kramer, President-Elect; Julia Gura, Recording Secretary, Joan Schuchler, Corresponding Secretary; and Candy Shufflebarger, Treasurer. Councilors are: Peggy Drabison, Angie Fergus, Nena LaBarbera, Jean McHenry, Agnes O'Dea and Dorothy Pyatch.

Retiring president, Joan Dutko conducted the meeting. She will assume the office of Immediate Past President. As her last official act, she presented the gavel to June Kyle. In turn, June presented a pin and gift to Joan. In her acceptance speech, June outlined goals for the coming year.

A beautiful candle-light installation ceremony, composed by Candy Shufflebarger, was the highlight of the evening. Installing officer was Howard Rempes. Tables were decorated with red and white carnations in brandy snifters, with favors at each place.

Guests were introduced by Miss Dutko. Dr. W. H. Evans, co-chairman of the Medical Assistants Committee, and Mrs. Evans, were special guests. New members were introduced by Jean McHenry. The invocation was given by Ella Tidd. The benediction was given by Alice Larson.

HOSPITALIZATION PAYMENT DUE

Doctor, have you made your payment to the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Group? Due date was July 1st. Final date for payment is July 15th. Don't risk being without coverage. Be sure the medical society office has your check when the group payment is completed on July 15th.

SEPT. 16 SET FOR ANNUAL OUTING

Thursday, Sept. 16, is the date set for the annual Medical Society and Dental Society Outing at Coalburg Lake. It will feature, as usual, the annual softball game between the two societies, with a trophy to be awarded to the winner. Dr. Si Chiasson and his committee are already at work on plans. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.



(Left to right) Angie Fergus, Peggy Drabison, Dorothy Pyatch, Agnes O'Dea, Nena LaBarbera, Jean McHenry, incoming president June Kyle, retiring president Joan Dutko, Charlotte Kramer, Joan Schuchler, Julia Gura and Candy Shufflebarger.

MAYOR NAMES TWO ON HEALTH BOARD

A registered nurse, Mrs. Mary Ellen Patton, was named by Mayor Jack C. Hunter as the 1971 appointee to the Youngstown Board of Health. She succeeds Peter P. Ross, D.D.S.

D. Roy Mellon, former assistant city health commissioner and acting commissioner following the death of Dr. Sidney Franklin, was appointed by the mayor to fill the unexpired term of Ralph P. White, Jr., who recently resigned to move from Youngstown.

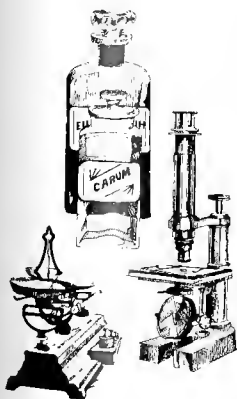
The other members of the five-man board are: Dr. S. D. Goldberg, Mrs. Harry Burdman and Nathaniel C. Lee. Mrs. Burdman and Mr. Lee were appointed by former mayor Flask. Dr. Goldberg was reappointed by Mayor Hunter. Appointments are made April 1st of each year.

THE SEARCH IS ON

With both the Centennial Committee and the Canfield Fair Committee looking for antique material related to medicine, the rush to the attics is on. In addition to old bottles, microscopes, and scales, such as are pictured here, there is a need for all kinds of material to furnish a doctor's office as it would look at the turn of the century—old surgical instruments, office furniture, a telephone, medical bag, stethoscope, even magazines.

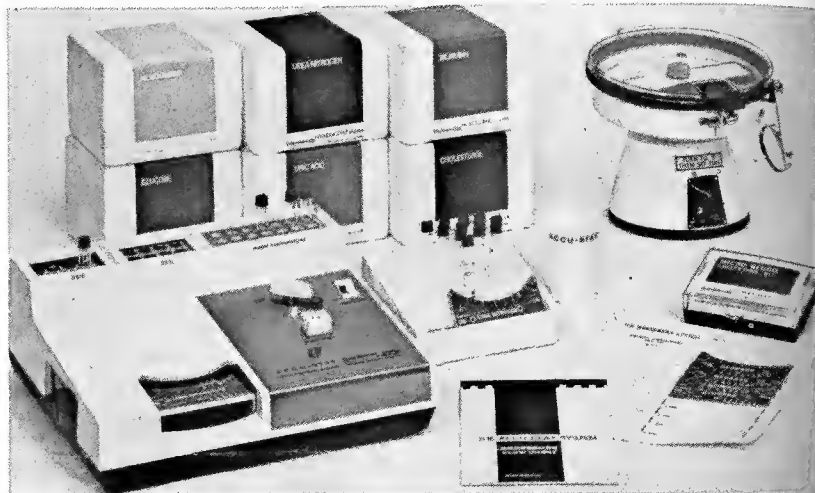
In addition, the Centennial Committee wants photos of early physicians, hospitals, offices, and Youngstown in general. Also, it is known that there are several paintings of early physicians in existence and the committee would like to locate these so that they may be photographed.

Anyone having material, or knowing where material may be located, is asked to phone the medical society office, 746-8431.



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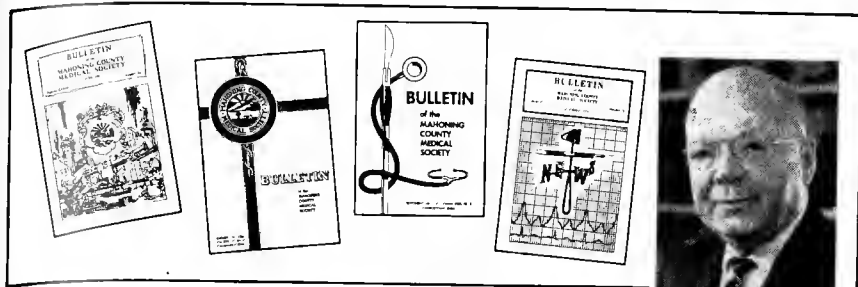
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The Association of Independent Druggists urged the doctors to prescribe U.S.P. and N.F. drugs instead of proprietary preparations with the same ingredients but fancy names and high prices.

The Post-Graduate Day Committee reported a total attendance of 236 doctors at the Assembly, 76 from out of town. They came from Cleveland (17), Pittsburgh (18), Akron (9), New Castle (6), Erie (4), New Orleans (1) and everywhere in between.

The average family spent \$138.00 a year on tobacco, candy and soft drinks and \$67.00 for medical care. Nothing reported on alcoholic beverages.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — JULY 1941

President Orville J. Walker wrote: "America is being rapidly prepared to meet the coming storm. All too few of us, I fear, realize how dark and menacing are the clouds that are about to engulf us."

President Roosevelt had proclaimed a state of unlimited national emergency. Selective service was in operation. The Atlantic Charter was signed. Britain was sending us her children for safe keeping and we were sending her our old four-stacker destroyers and everything else we could spare.

The Surgeon General of the U. S. Navy announced a schedule of examinations for commissions in the Medical Corps. Some of our doctors were in camp and the rest were looking at each other asking: "What are you going to do?"

New internes at St. Elizabeth's Hospital were C. Edward Pichette and Vincent G. Herman. Charles Wagner became a member of the Society.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — JULY 1951

Ex-Internes of St. Elizabeth's held a reunion and had Dr. Reinhoff of Johns Hopkins here to speak on lung tumors. They then went to the Mahoning Country Club for golf where Tim Kable fired a 74 to take medalist honors. Joseph Newsome was second with an 81 while Wm. Breesman and S. W. Ondash tied for third with 85's. R. V. Clifford was president of the association.

Former internes of the Youngstown Hospital met to hear papers by A. E. Brant, Wm. Skipp, J. P. Keogh and Fred Schlecht, then went out to Bert Millikin's farm for a ballgame and clam bake. J. D. Brown was in charge of the entertainment. F. J. Bierkamp, R. R. Morrall and Harry Patrick were there and there was the usual quota of sprains, contusions and fractures for John Rogers to treat. He was the only one who had any medical first aid supplies among all those 134 doctors. Between times he entertained the crowd by throwing one ringer after another in the horseshoe game.

Richard Dibel Murray became a member of the Society.

TEN YEARS AGO — JULY 1961

The greatest event that month was the gala celebration of the opening of plastic surgeon Richard Murray's new office "Medart". The classic design of the building resembles a Greek temple. It is intended to be a wedding of medicine and art. For the festive occasion nearly everyone in town was invited.

Entertainment was provided by the Youngstown Philharmonic Orchestra for guests assembled on the spacious lawn. No one who was there will ever forget their stirring rendition of Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture and its spectacular climax with bombs exploding above and Dick ringing the church bells. It was spine-tingling.

The first doctor in Youngstown was Charles Dutton who came here by wagon train from Connecticut in 1801 and opened an office in his log cabin at Spring Common. The only thing reminding us of him today is Dutton's Alley which runs from Hazel Street to Vindicator Square back of the Home Savings and Loan.

J. H. Turner became a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. New members were: Robert James Brocker, James Samuel Bates, Vincent Donald Lepore and Maurice Oudiz. Aniceto DiDomenico won a gold medal in 1948 in Olympic competition as a member of the Italian soccer team.

—J. L. F.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBER



Dr. Jacques Politi, a Pediatrician, was born at Alexandria, Egypt, on August 10, 1936. He attended Victoria College and Victoria University at Alexandria, graduating with a degree of P.C.B. in 1953. His medical degree was conferred at St. Andrews University, Scotland, in 1960.

Dr. Politi interned at Youngstown Hospital Association, 1960-61. He took a residency in Pediatrics at Ohio State University Childrens Hospital, 1961-63. From 1963 to 1965, he was a Captain in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

In 1965, he entered practice at Colonial Heights, Va., and came to Youngstown in 1969. He is presently associated with Dr. Sidney L. Davidow at 630 Gypsy Lane.

He is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Legion, and Anshe Emeth Synagogue. His hobbies are breeding thoroughbreds, riding, tennis, paddleball and music.

His wife is the former Joyce Edwards, whom he married in 1958. They have four children, Diane, Judith, Jonathan and Joel. They live at 244 Warner Road.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS GROUP RATES UP

A rate increase will go into effect for the Medical Assistants Blue Cross and Blue Shield Group in the six-month billing to go out this month. Costs are determined on a merit rating formula.

The new six-month billing rate for both Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be \$88.86 (single) as compared to \$63.90 last year, and \$200.34 (family) as compared to \$146.04 last year. The Medical Assistants group had also shown an increase in June of 1970.

Bills are currently being sent to members of this group through the Medical Society office. Final date for payment is August 15. New members may join at this time. Failing to do so, they may not join the group until the next open date, August 1, 1972.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

June 15, 1971

(a summary)

The following recommendations of the pre-school health committee, submitted by Dr. Kurt Wegner, chairman, were approved by council:

1. All pre-school children are urged to go to their private physician for necessary immunizations and physical examination.
2. Pre-school roundups should be continued, but clearly aimed at those who are indigent and those who do not have a family physician.
3. Records of all immunizations at pre-school clinics should be made available to the family and sent promptly to their physician, if any.
4. Physical examinations at pre-school clinics should be either upgraded to correspond to examinations by private physicians in their offices, or abandoned entirely.
5. The Mahoning County Medical Society, in cooperation with the health departments, should give strong ongoing publicity to the need for immunizations.
6. The criteria of the Ohio Department of Health should be rigidly adhered to in the giving of immunizations.

Council also approved the following recommendations of the government medical care committee, as submitted by Dr. J. W. Tandatnick, chairman:

1. We are all agreed on **QUALITY CONTROL** in the medical profession.
2. We are all agreed on **PEER REVIEW** as a mechanism for **QUALITY CONTROL**, but *not* for third party payors for medical care.
3. We are all agreed that we are not in favor of Peer Review mechanisms for other purposes for third parties.
4. We recommend that this Society promote stronger in-hospital Peer Review for quality control in the practice of Medicine.

In other business, council will take active steps to oppose insurance company demands for excessive paper work.

DR. SAADI HEADS HEART ASSOCIATION



Dr. Elias T. Saadi was elected president of the Eastern Ohio Chapter of the American Heart Association at the recent annual meeting. Dr. John J. Turner was elected vice president. Retiring president Dr. James L. Smeltzer was presented a plaque for his service.

Two physicians were elected to the executive committee, Dr. William J. Cleary and Dr. Charles H. McGowen. Other physicians on the committee are Dr. Morris S. Rosenblum and Dr. Smeltzer. Dr. Frank C. Tiberio was elected to the board of trustees.

Speaker was Dr. David W. Bilheimer, surgeon with the U.S. Public Health Service and associated with the Molecular Disease Branch of the National Heart and

Lung Institute.

Among programs of the past year cited by Dr. Smeltzer was the throat culture program. The program was the subject of Dr. Willard C. Schmidt's talk at the February meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

At an earlier meeting of the Ohio Chapter of the Heart Association in Columbus, Dr. Saadi was elected to the Ohio board of trustees, along with Dr. William H. Bunn. Dr. Saadi was elected a State delegate to the American Heart Association, with Dr. Bunn as an alternate. Dr. Bunn was elected to the State executive committee. Dr. Rosenblum was named a delegate to the State organization.

DESIGN AN ANNIVERSARY EMBLEM

Physicians, wives, and members of their families, are invited to design an emblem for use during the 100th anniversary year of the Mahoning County Medical Society. The Medical Society was organized in 1872.

A \$25 cash award will be made to the person submitting the entry selected for use by the Centennial Committee. Entries may be drawn in any media. Artistic ability is not of primary importance as the winning entry will be redrawn by a commercial artist, if necessary, before being used.

Entries should be mailed to the medical society office. Deadline is Oct. 15, 1971. The winning design will be used on the medical society letterhead, on the Bulletin, and for all centennial events scheduled for 1972.

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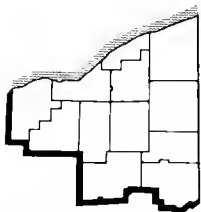
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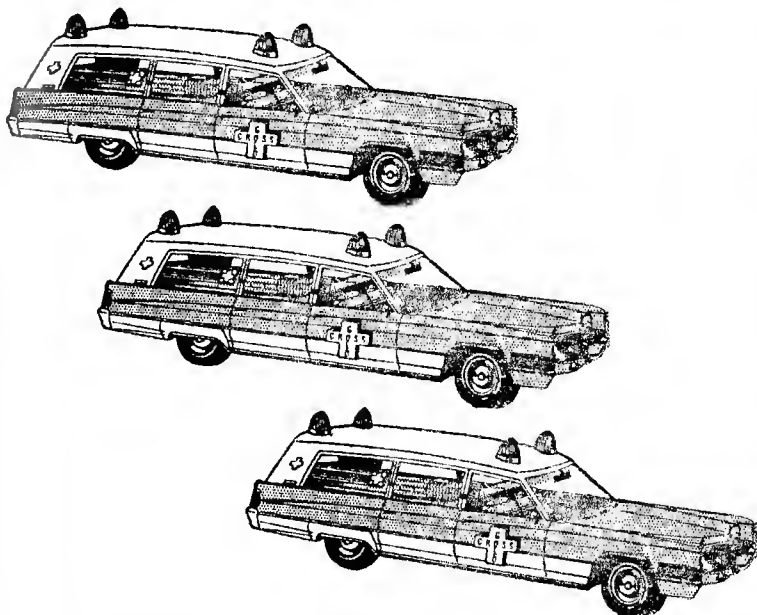
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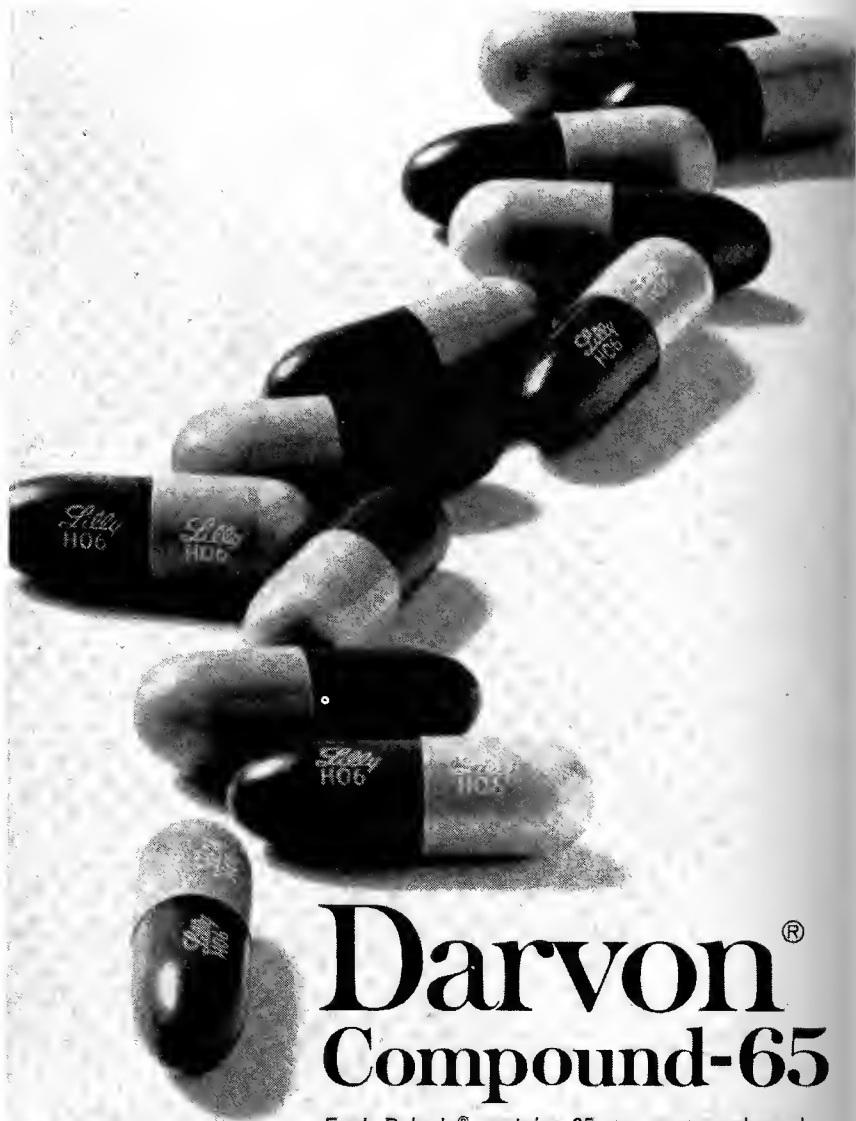
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